GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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MISUSE OF LABORATORY RESERVE FUND
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the misuse of Laboratory Reserve Fund by the top brass of CSIR;

(b) if so, the details of the cases came to the notice of the Government in this regard alongwith the involvement of funds and the officials involved therein;

(c) whether the Government have constituted any Committee to fix responsibility in the matter;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) : The CAG in the Audit Report No. 5 of 2000 pertaining to test check of expenditure from Laboratory Reserve Fund (LRF) reported some irregular expenditure.Examination has revealed that there has been irregular expenditure of around Rs. 38 lakhs only out of a total expenditure of Rs. 10,000 lakhs. In order to avoid even these small irregular expenditures CSIR has issued fresh stringent instructions for strict compliance to all its Laboratories/Institutes. Nonetheless, CSIR has appointed a committee to examine the specific cases of irregular expenditure and to fix responsibility in regard to the officials involved.

(e) :Does not arise.